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Letter to Corinne Bass regarding SEAALL Officer Election, August 8, 1956

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Miss Corinne Bass, Librarian
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Dear Corinne:

Thanks for your letter of July 31st. Concerning the election I believe the intent of the By-Laws is to give an opportunity to the Nominating Committee to present a wider slate rather than the usual one man slate. The idea as I see it from the By-Laws was to call for write-in recommendations to assist the Committee before it met, this notice to be given in the letter of notice of the meeting, agenda, etc., which was done. The slate as then prepared by the Committee from these recommendations would then be voted on with space on the ballot only for those nominated by the Committee, the opportunity for write-in nominations having already been given to the membership and the slate prepared. Apparently, since our elections are by mail, there is no opportunity for nominations from the floor after the slate is presented. Unless you feel that further opportunity be given to the membership to propose a candidate after receiving the slate, I don't believe a write-in space would be necessary. It is my thought that the election procedure should be thoroughly discussed at Lexington and possibly made more specific. The real question in my mind is was it intended that further opportunity for suggesting nominees be given, the membership after the slate had been prepared and presented. I don't think so since I believe the recommendations to the Committee procedure would achieve in effect the same result.

I certainly regret having fallen down on the job this summer and I appreciate yours and Mary's taking over for me. I am feeling somewhat better but have a mountain of work to handle. I'm afraid I won't be able to make the Lexington meeting as things look now. I may have to make a last minute decision. If I don't make it, please call on me for any material that I should supply.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leverette
Law Librarian